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## STRICKEN APPALACHIA.

Not in the history of North Carolina, and seldom in the history of the country, has there occurred such loss both of property and of life by cloudburst and flood as that which on the fifteenth and sixteenth of July befell our beautiful and boasted Land of the Sky.

Thirty or more counties over-swept; eighty or a hundred lives lost in the swollen waters; scores of railroad and county bridges swept away; hundreds of farms robbed of their crops, and either piled deep in sand or eaten down to the rocks; many humble homes, many lumber plants and cotton factories and grist mills, caught and tossed like toys in the raging torrents; landslides and wash-outs playing havoc with railroads and highways; towns and villages isolated from each other and from the outside world; rains marooned for days at various points where the floods caught them and cut them off, and thousands of summer visitors marooned at our mountain resorts; damage done which conservative experts place at from ten to fifteen million dollars; for once and for the first time, the strange cry for outside help to keep at bay the wolf of want coming from the most self-reliant and most independent of our people—all go to show that fair Appalachia has been stricken to the heart by this monumental disaster.

For days the rain had descended until the ground was soggy and the brooks were flush; then more torrential became the down-pour; then cloudbursts here and there leaped down upon the headwaters along the Blue Ridge, east and west; then dams began to burst one after another down the streams until their accumulated waters, sometimes wall-like to the height of ten feet or more, swept everything before them in their uncontrollable onrush; and vast was the ruin wrought before the rivers ran down and the flood assuaged.

The Catawba, draining the largest basin of the flood area, succored by hundreds of turbulent tributaries, and spanned by scores of dams which gave way, rose forty feet or more above normal and rushed seaward on such a rampage that no bridge of steel could withstand it, no telegraph or telephone wires were left above it, and the civilization it has supported along its banks was driven back aghast to the overlooking hills. The same story of devastation comes from the Yadkin river which left its ineffaceable scars in the great county of Wilkes and wrought much more havoc as it tore its way onward. Nor is the picture brighter in the valley of the Broad with many farms and homes laid waste. And beyond the Blue Ridge the flooped Swannanoa and French Broad submerged lower Asheville, put Biltmore under water, took their toll of human life, destroyed many a fair field and paralyzed for a time the traffic of a great region teeming with visitors from near and far.

Stricken Appalachia! But the men of the mountains and of the rolling Piedmont are not the men to either murmur at their misfortune or idly bemoan their fate. In tears they have buried their dead, but in hope and with a will they have already set their hands to the task of repairing the damage done to their delightful land. Some of them will need and welcome the generosity extended to them by their neighbors round about and

## Is the War Nearing Its End?

One swallow does not make a spring, nor one victorious campaign a complete conquest. Nevertheless, it must be admitted that it really looks as if the beginning of the end of the great war was in sight. The deadlock of months is apparently broken, and the "great drive" as the English have been calling it is on. For the first time since the struggle began we are seeing real teamwork by the Allies. All their forces in all fields are co-operating as one army, and the result is the giving back of the Germans and Austrians everywhere. The tremendous Russian drive continues on the eastern front, while in the west the French have held their own and the British have swept the Germans back several miles along a battle front of ninety miles. In the south the tide of battle seems to have turned, and the Italians are pushing the Austrians before them. For the moment Germany is apparently amazed and disheartened. Whether she will recover heart and can summon up strength sufficient to stem the tide, which is evidently setting against her, is the question. But it would not be surprising, judging from present indications, if the end would come—in the only way in which it can come—before the year is over. So mote it be!—Zion's Advocate.

## Making the Most of June.

To enjoy the beautiful month of June to the utmost, one must be in good health. Kidneys failing to work properly cause aches and pains, rheumatism, lumbago, soreness, stiffness. Foley Kidney Pills make kidneys active and healthy and banish suffering and misery. Why not feel fine and fit? Be well! Be strong, M. B. Blackburn.

by sympathetic friends throughout the State; and there is talk of Federal aid in order to relieve dire distress in certain quarters. Let the cry for help be heard and heeded until the stricken home is rebuilt and the unfortunates among the proud and mighty people are on their feet again.

And out of this awful experience will emerge a people bettered by the discipline of adversity and capacitated for the rebuilding of their neighborhoods on yet securer foundations, civic, social and religious. Let them not forget to conserve the forests that crown the mighty hills and hold back the destroying waters. Let those who harness the power of those swift mountain rivers build stronger dams which will withstand the greatest pressure that can be brought against them. Let the bridge-builders do their work hereafter in view of the maximum floods of nineteen-sixteen. Let no landowner or tenant erect his residence, whether palace or cot., in the danger zone. And above all, let us always look up, with gratitude for His goodness and with trust for His continued care, to Him "who maketh the clouds his chariot, and who walketh upon the wings of the wind."

To our people in the stricken highlands we send a message of mingled condolence and good cheer—the one in sympathy for their loss, the other to hearten them in their task. The flood has receded. The rainbow of hope over-spans the desolation. A new day is shedding its effulgence all over Appalachia. Such prospects are before us as never stirred or impelled any people. "God's in His heaven; all's well with the world!"

**FOLEY CATHARTIC TABLETS**  
Keep Stomach Sweet—Liver Active—Bowels Regular

## Poor Rich Woman.

So far as we know old Hetty Green lived an irreproachable life in so far as adherence to the Decalogue is concerned; certainly she was not guilty of any shocking infractions of the moral law.

It is questionable whether one human being in the course of only 50 years can collect \$100,000,000 honestly but if Hetty Green robbed anybody we do not know it. In casting up her account with the world it does not matter anyhow.

Hetty Green carried a certain sort of responsibility greater than rested on any other woman in the world, and never realized it. She had enormous power for good in her hands and a needy world around her; and "she sat in her wheel chair at one of the front windows of the parlor floor of her house and gazed out over the park, motionless for hours at a time." Humanity passed in an endless parade of opportunity before that window; the destitute who needed the bread that window; the destitute, who needed the bread that she might have bought; the ignorant, who needed the instruction she might have supplied; the sick, for whom she might have built hospitals; the outcasts, for whom she might have provided refuges—the orphan, the widow, the lame, the halt and the blind, the broken man and the fallen woman tramped past in an endless stream of misery that she might have alleviated.

And she—"she gazed out over the park, motionless for hours at a time."

Andrew Carnegie is an immensely rich man. Living or dead, Andrew Carnegie is a rich man. Some say he stole the three hundred million dollars that he gave away; but nevertheless that money he had. When the body that houses his soul is a shapeless lump of clay there will be here in Greensboro and in a thousand other cities a noble building, dedicated to the use of the public, but recognized by that public to be Andrew Carnegie's and none other's, forever. John D. Rockefeller is exceedingly rich. He has in his possession certain stocks and bonds he must soon surrender, and that consequently belong to him only temporarily, but every spire and turret of that city within the city of Chicago that his money erected and threw open to his fellow men, is Rockefeller's, now and hereafter.

If the Dukes were struck dead tonight there would remain to them of all their enormous possessions some \$10,000,000—the \$10,000,000 they gave to Trinity college. Day before yesterday Hetty Green was the richest woman in the world; today her heirs are rich with the same money, but Hetty Green, dead, is not worth a cent.

The richest woman in the world—poor Hetty Green!—Greensboro News.

## Rheumatic Pain Stopped.

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Panama is rising three feet in each century.

## Program for Confederate Veterans' Reunion to be Held in Boone on August 17th and 18th.

Following is the official program for the 23rd, Annual Reunion of Nimrod Triplett Camp No. 1273, U. C. V., of Watauga county to be held in Boone on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 17th and 18th, 1916:

Meet Thursday at 11, a. m. Called to order by Capt. E. J. Norris. [Music.] Devotional exercises by Chaplain. Roll call. Address of Welcome by Rev. Monroe Gragg. Appoint committee on obituaries. Adjourn for dinner.

Meet at 2, p. m. Receive report of Committee on Obituaries. Memorial exercises conducted by Rev. M. L. Carpenter at 2:30, p. m. Adjournment.

Meet Friday at 9, a. m. Call to order. Devotional exercises. Address by Rev. J. H. Farthing at 11, a. m. Election of Company officers for the ensuing year. Adjourn for dinner.

Meet at 2, p. m. Call to order. There will be a march, if any of the old soldiers so desires, and the weather will permit.

The Committee earnestly requests that each old soldier of the Camp will attend the Reunion for, in a short time, there will be none of them left to attend these annual meets. There have been six members of the Camp passed over the river since our last meeting, and it will seem as if seven were gone, as our deceased brother, Rev. J. M. Payne, has been a regular attendant for 15 or 16 years, and always had a kind word for each old soldier.

The people in and around the town have expressed a willingness and desire to care for the old soldier, but the committee has decided that if Friday, the 18th, is a favorable day, the veterans will take dinner with the out-of-town citizens, and they are requested to bring lunch baskets, well filled, for their repast on that day.

Come, everybody, to the Reunion, as this is election year, and there will be an abundance of speakers chock full of talk on hand.

It is requested that each member of the file and drum corps be on hand to furnish music for the occasion.

E. J. NORRIS,  
W. W. PRESNELL,  
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## NIGHTS OF UNREST.

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Lhasa has a population of 15,000, of whom 9,000 are women.

## A Telephonic Marvel.

Asheville Citizen. The looping of Asheville with San Francisco by long distance telephone at Grove Park Inn Wednesday night was a fete which will be long remembered by those fortunate enough to be present. One hundred and forty people, the majority of whom can not be said to be much surprised at any thing, marvelled and marvelled again, and could hardly believe the evidence of their own ears when, sitting at the banquet board, they heard the breaking of the waves on the Californian coast, three thousand miles away. No prophet of old would ever have dared to predict such an accomplishment; indeed, it is more than likely that any such utterance on his part would have headed him for the stake in the not very distant past.

At a cost of several thousand dollars, the Asheville Telephone and Telegraph company, the Southern Bell Telephone company and the American Telephone and Telegraph company, with kindred organizations across the continent, entertained the newspaper publishers and their friends with a demonstration the magnitude of which the human mind can hardly grasp. The roll call and the instantaneous answer of the great cities of the United States embraced in the network of the telephone system, created an impression which will doubtless last a lifetime. As they were called in turn Lynchburg, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Omaha, Salt Lake City, Denver and San Francisco promptly answered, the entire journey being made from Grove Park Inn to San Francisco being completed in less than three minutes. A wonderful piece of work, surely, and another testimonial to the fact that man's inventive genius knows no limit.

The thought must have occurred to many at the banquet board that the general public has but a poor idea of the countless difficulties and enormous expense with which the covering of the American continent with a network of telephone wires involves. We were told on Wednesday night that 9,000,000 telephones and 21,000,000 miles of wire represent the property and accomplishments of the great telephone companies.

## Cut this Out—It is Worth Money

Don't Miss This. Cut out this slip, inclose with 5 cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foleys' Honey and Tar Compound for bronchial coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic tablets. Special comforting to stout persons.

## Sale of Property for Town Taxes.

By virtue of the power of sale vested in me as town tax collector for the town of Blowing Rock N. C. I will, on Monday, Sept. 4, 1916, expose to sale at the court house door in Boone at 12. M., the following real estate on which the taxes for the year 1915, remains unpaid, to wit:

Ken Atkinson one lot	\$3.50
B. B. Blackwelder one lot	3.50
W. L. Boatright one lot	1.50
Geo. E. Coffey one lot	3.20
J. C. Coulter one lot	1.90
J. F. Cox one lot	5.27
J. A. Edmiston one lot	1.06
Clyde Hartley one lot	3.10
O. P. Lutz one lot	1.10
W. J. Palmer one lot	3.90
Scott H. Perky one lot	3.10
M. H. Pukney one lot	4.70
W. C. Vannoy one lot	2.61
J. S. Worth one lot	1.50
A. H. Washburn one lot	12.59
W. P. Wilson one lot	1.64
Annie Sidenburg	3.70
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